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TO: All Reinsured Companies
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

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Deputy Administrator

SUBJECT: Manual-13, Data Acceptance System (DAS) Handbook Updates

The Draft 2002 Manual 13, Data Acceptance System and Reinsurance Accounting System Handbook, has been placed on the Risk Management Agency (RMA) website for industry review and comment. The 2002 Handbook is maintained electronically via the Risk Management Agency's (RMA) website at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/data/> under the Data Acceptance System (M-13) Handbook directory.

As discussed at the Information Technology Managers' Meeting in May, some of the additional reported fields proposed to the 2002 M-13 include the Type 10 record Ineligible Substantial Beneficial Interest Share, the Type 14 record Written Agreement Date, Type 15 record Average Yield, Type 18 record Expense Trend Factor, and Type 21 record Guarantee Reduction Flag.

Three additional reported fields have been added since the May meeting to include: Type 49 record transaction flag indicating policy deletion justification, and Annual Review Date on both Type 55 and Type 56 records for reporting annual performance reviews as required by the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended, Section 515(f)(3) of, Oversight of Agents and Loss Adjusters.

Companies may direct their questions or comments to Denise Hoffmann, Director of Actuarial Division, at Denise_Hoffmann@rm.fcic.usda.gov, by June 21, 2001. For questions regarding content of the handbook, please contact Seavey Anthony, Program Automation Branch, at (816) 926-3865 or Seavey_Anthony@rm.fcic.usda.gov.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This Informational Memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting information and the expiration date is December 31, 2001.



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